

To: Ostrander, David[Ostrander.David@epa.gov]
From: Germann, Sandy
Sent: Fri 9/4/2015 2:05:17 AM
Subject: RE: Corrected \$ Amount for ER

Got it, thanks, Dave

From: Ostrander, David
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 10:00 PM
To: Germann, Sandy <Germann.Sandy@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Corrected \$ Amount for ER

As contrasted with the previous number, the figure you quote is for ER and the previous includes other contract cost from start contractor Weston.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 3, 2015, at 6:48 PM, Germann, Sandy <Germann.Sandy@epa.gov> wrote:

All, Dave just obtained the latest financial data. As of 9/3, the estimated spending for ER is

CBI/Ex. 4

From: Germann, Sandy
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 7:55 PM
To: Deitz, Randy <Deitz.Randy@epa.gov>; Russo, Rebecca <Russo.Rebecca@epa.gov>; EOC Public Information <EOC_Public_Information@epa.gov>
Cc: Levine, Carolyn <Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov>; Asher, Jonathan <Asher.Jonathan@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Smith, Paula <Smith.Paula@epa.gov>; Ostrander, David <Ostrander.David@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Congressionals - EOC request

All, RE: the Q about amount paid to the contractor, to date, I just saw this information below, which was part of a completed media response.

Could you please provide me with an update soonest on what other projects were being funded? And I have two other questions: How much has Environmental Restoration been paid total since it started to work on the Gold King Mine? Was any money spent down river in Regions 6 and 9 after the leak?

Your request is a much deeper dive into EPA accounting records than I can accomplish. I always try to answer as much as I can without sending reporter to FOIA. But – I want to make sure your get everything you need and I don't miss anything. You can file a FOIA online at <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home> and it will get into a process that helps make certain you get all the items you are seeking. Here is what I was able to find out . The accounting modifications (32 and 33) were for other projects in Region 8. As I reported to you earlier, (34 and 77) made about 1.47 M in funding available for the Gold King Mine project in Colorado. I don't know how much has been drawn down by the contractor. None of this money would have been for Regions 6 or 9.

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All, Dave Ostrander just talked with me about responses to these Qs. Copying him here. He did not have the amount paid to the contractor. Let us know if we need to track down that figure. Thanks!

Q1 Was the contractor you used experienced with mining sites? What experience did they have?

Yes, EPA Region 8 has used ER on many mining projects over the last 9+years.

Q2 Does this contractor work on other EPA sites" If so how many?

Yes, this contractor works for at least 6 EPA regions, with multiple sites per region.

Q3 Have you had problems with this contractor at other sites? Are they going to continue doing work at the Gold King Mine site?

No, we have not had problems. Yes, they are continuing to do work at the mine.

Q4 How much have you paid the contractor for the work at the Gold King Mine site? Are you going to withhold future payments because of this incident?

Payment records will have to be confirmed. We do not plan to withhold payments because of this incident.

From: Deitz, Randy
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 6:45 PM
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Deliberative Process/Ex. 5

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From: Russo, Rebecca

Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 6:13 PM

To: EOC Public Information

Cc: Deitz, Randy; Levine, Carolyn; Asher, Jonathan; Grantham, Nancy; Germann, Sandy; Smith, Paula

Subject: FW: Congressionals - EOC request

Hi Emily,

I got this from Lisa and have passed it on to Incident Command (IC), who is in charge of congressional inquiries.

Could you ensure that I am on your distribution list? This was sent to the Region 8 media team, but not to me (Region 8 Congressional Liaison).

These questions appear to be new – they are not currently on the chart of Congressional inquiries. I very much doubt a response today is feasible, but have cc'd Incident Command (Sandy Germann, Nancy Grantham and Paula Smith) to see if they feel differently.

Thanks,

Rebecca

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To: Russo, Rebecca
Subject: Congressionals - EOC request

FYI

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Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 2:26 PM
To: Smith, Paula
Cc: Mylott, Richard; Jenkins, Laura Flynn; EOC_Manager,; EOC_Deputy_Manager,; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa
Subject: CLarification- Re: Are you working on these QAs for the Congressional Hearing?

Clarification- This email chain is from Emily not Lindsey. Emily's login is not working. Please respond to EOC Public Information.

Emily

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Cc: Mylott, Richard; Jenkins, Laura Flynn; EOC_Manager,; EOC_Deputy_Manager,; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa
Subject: Are you working on these QAs for the Congressional Hearing?

HI Region 8 Team,

Is anyone working on these QAs to prepare for the Congressional hearing? They have been passed around a few offices, but have been identified as being appropriate for Region 8 to draft responses. They are due today to Randy Deitz.

Thanks!

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